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Provisional agenda for the pre-sessional meeting

1. Briefing by the Secretariat:

   (a) Work completed since January 2003;

   (b) Preparations for the second session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

   Documentation

   Provisional agenda for the second session of the Forum (E/C.19/2003/1)

   (c) The voluntary fund and its future operation;

   (d) Standard operating procedures for the members of the Forum and its secretariat.

   (Reporting guidelines, communications with the Forum secretariat, invitations to meetings, clearance of texts, use of official stationery and logo, other assistance to Forum members etc.)

2. Methods and organization of work of the Forum:

   (a) Role of the Bureau and the members of the Forum between sessions;

   (b) Use of a portfolio system for members (see annex);

   (c) Human rights violations and working with other United Nations human rights mechanisms, including the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous people;

   (d) Working with the United Nations system, Governments and regional organizations and engaging the private sector.

3. Possible proposals for gender equity and other considerations for the second round of Forum nominations.

4. Dialogue with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the theme "Strengthening the Partnership".

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(UNICEF has agreed to make a presentation of its work and to engage in a dialogue on strengthening cooperation with the Forum)

5. Meeting with the World Bank.

6. Future work of the Forum, including the special theme for its third and subsequent sessions.

7. Other matters, including the possible venue for the third and fourth sessions of the Forum, which may be held during renovations at United Nations Headquarters.

Annex

Portfolios of Forum members, 2002-2004

Names of members	*Portfolio areas allocated at the first session*
Yuri Boitchenko	
Otilia Lux de Coti	
Njuma Ekundanayo	Education and culture (could be split in two)
Yuji Iwasawa	
Antonio Jacanamijoy	Economic and social development
Ayitegau Kouevi	Human rights
Wilton Littlechild	
Wayne Lord	
Ole Henrik Magga	
Marcos Matias Alonso	
Ida Nicolaisen	Children and youth, Intellectual property and protection of traditional knowledge
Mrs. QIN Xiaomei	Recently appointed member
Zinaida Strogalschikova	
Parshuram Tamang	Environment
Mililani Trask	Health
Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca	

Possible portfolios for 16 members:

Mandated areas:

1. Economic and social development;
2. Environment;
3. Health;
4. Human Rights;
5. Culture;
6. Education.

Possible expanded portfolios may include but are not limited to the following specialist areas (mandated areas and):

7. Children and youth;
8. Ageing and elders;
9. Protection of traditional knowledge and indigenous intellectual property;
10. Conflict prevention and resolution (including militarilization of indigenous lands);

11. Indigenous languages;

12. Cultural and biological diversity;

13. Indigenous peoples and the legal system (including discrimination in the criminal justice system, access to legal aid, deaths in custody and recognition of customary law);

14. Discrimination and racism against indigenous peoples;

15. Self-determination, autonomy and self-government;

16. Emerging issues (HIV/AIDS, domestic violence and substance abuse).